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SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I know what the estimated expenditure in this matter is? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I assume the expenditure is in connexion with the allowances to be given. If so, my answer is, ' Not more than the salaries that they were getting '."

Powers of Presidents of panchayats.

* 133 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri S. Narayanappa, who gave notice of the question, is not in his place. So, the question along with the answer will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Local Boards has issued a circular to all the panchayats regarding the powers of presidents when they are in charge of executive functions; and

(*b*) if so, the full details of the circular?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The circular contained instructions to Executive Officers that in making delegation of their powers to the presidents, the following items should be excepted, viz., appointments and punishments of staff and grant of leave except casual leave to them, conduct of auction sales, acceptance of contracts, participation in the business of any statutory committees, final disposal of pending files, modification of orders previously passed by the Executive Officer, revision of taxes and grant of licences."

* 134 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASAMI REDDIAR :—" I am not putting the question, Sir."

Nayanar's Boys' Home at Pazhayangadi, Malabar.

* 135 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Boarding Grants given to Nayanar's Boys' Home at Pazhayangadi, Gopalapuram, Nediyiruppu and Chelode and also to Nayanar's Girls' Home, Eranhipalem, Malabar, or to any one of them has been stopped;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representations regarding such stoppage, and what action has been taken on the representations?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The boarding grant sanctioned to the Nayanar's Boarding Home at Chelode alone was stopped during the year 1951–52.